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MT. ETNA QUAKE
LEVELS TOWNS****Widespread Ruin Caused
by Earth Upheaval
in Sicily.****350 WERE INJURED;
MANY WOMEN DEAD****Mothers and Children Are
Buried Under Houses—
Hundreds Homeless.****KING MAY VISIT SCENE****Troops Sent with Supplies to
Stricken Catania District—
Pope Aids Sufferers.**

Catania, Sicily, May 9.—A great earthquake last evening brought destruction to many villages near Mount Etna. The number of dead at present is officially placed at 181, with about 350 injured, but a large portion of the devastated territory has not been inspected.

The affected zone extends from Zaffarana, the highest village on Mount Etna, to the sea between Aci Reale on the south and Giarre on the north. It includes Lincera, the centre of the disturbance, Pisano and Santa Venerina. In Lincera alone 110 persons were killed and 200 injured; in the village of Bonaguardo 13 dead and 27 injured have been taken from the ruins. At Cosentini 16 were killed and many injured. These villages and many smaller places were practically levelled.

Automobiles, which made the trip today through the devastated region were often forced to make long detours owing to the deep fissures across the road. The enormous force of the earthquake was evident everywhere, and the entire district presented a spectacle of desolation, ruin and death.

Ruin is widespread. From the debris of the injured could be heard. Others asked that their maimed relatives be transported to Catania, as all train service has been abandoned owing to the collapse of bridges, broken tracks and obstructed tunnels.

For centuries this region has suffered from earthquakes, owing to the activity of Mount Etna. Yet it is relatively thickly populated, as the land is most fertile, vineyards growing with little attention.

Near the central point of the disturbance dozen of bodies were observed lying along the road. Many of them were unrecognizable, as they were badly crushed. Heartrending lamentations rose on all sides, and the injured lay in the open awaiting assistance, which has been sent to them.

Where Lincera stood is a mass of ruins. Those houses which did not collapse entirely were so broken as to emphasize the completeness of the disaster. The village consisted of about 800 inhabitants.

A majority of the people escaped because the shock occurred when the men and some of the women were still working in the fields. From the vineyards they saw their houses falling, and when they arrived at their homes they found only wreckage, with some of their people buried beneath it.

Many Women Among Dead. This accounts for the fact that most of the victims at Lincera were women and children. The men, in a frenzy of terror and grief, attacked the debris with their bare hands in an effort to save their wives and children.

Generals Trabucchi and Moccagatta, in command of the work of rescue, which is being expeditiously performed by soldiers, firemen, policemen and Red Cross volunteers.

It is expected that weeks will pass before the full extent of the disaster can be ascertained, as it is believed many peasants are buried under their homes in the isolated country districts. No news of the disaster reached here last night, because the railroad tracks were all torn up, all the telegraph poles were down and the roads could not be used because they are not only blocked with the heaps of debris but all the bridges are broken.

The rumblings of the earthquake were, however, severely felt here. The strongest shock lasted six seconds. Electric lights were extinguished and the street-railways were put out of service.

The people rushed out of houses, shops and cafes. Many of them jumped into boats and others crowded into the squares. At the hospitals patients ran to the courtyards, imploring help.

Signor Minervini, prefect of Catania, was sleeping when the first group of fugitives roused the town. Roused by the cries of distress, he at once gathered all his officials, had the soldiers of the district called out, mobilized all the available doctors and nurses and commanded all the automobiles in the city.

A call for help was sent to Rome. Premier Salandra telegraphed to the prefect that General Grandi, Minister of War, and Admiral Enrico Millo, Minister of Marine, had given orders to the military and naval commanders

TAFT IN SUFFRAGE TOILS**Narrowly Escapes Kidnapping
on Way to Bryn Mawr Fete.**

Philadelphia, May 9.—Totally ignoring his vigorous physique and the dignity due his years and station, sixty suffragists tried to-day to capture former President Taft as he was on his way to Bryn Mawr College to see his daughter, Helen, in the May Day fete. Miss Katherine Shea, a public school teacher and "votes for women" leader, recognized the Taftian figure in the Broad street station and gave the word to her fellow suffragists. Instantly there was a rush in flying wedge formation. Mr. Taft good naturedly struggled through the mob of besiegers and finally managed to reach his train.

KANSAS NEEDS 40,000 MEN**Wants Harvesters for Record
Breaking Wheat Crop.**

Topeka, Kan., May 9.—Kansas will need 40,000 more men than are available now to harvest its splendid crops. The rainfall has come at just the right time and there is every prospect of a bumper production of wheat. The crop promises to be good all through Oklahoma, Montana and the states adjacent, as well as in Kansas. A Macedonian cry has been sent out for help in gathering this great wealth brought out of the soil. If the unemployed want work they can find it in Kansas.

**JUSTICE LAMAR A
PEACE DELEGATE****United States to Send Only Two
Envoys to Conference Over
Mexican Difficulty.**

[From The Tribune Bureau.]
Washington, May 9.—Joseph R. Lamar, justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, will be the other delegate of this country, with Frederick G. Lehmann, Solicitor General in President Taft's administration, to the peace conference called by the A B C mediators to settle the Mexican difficulty.

With Justice Lamar's appointment it was stated this afternoon the United States would have only two representatives at Niagara Falls, Ont. General Huerta has sent three to argue his side of the case. A dispatch received here this morning states they left Mexico City to-day for the Canadian meeting place.

Justice Lamar was appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1911 and is from Georgia, where a distinguished career at the bar included a term on the bench of the Supreme Court of the state.

Mr. Lehmann and Justice Lamar, it is expected, will be attending during the conference at Niagara Falls by a large corps of assistants and international law experts from the State Department.

WOMAN FIGHTS MANIAC**Beaten by Insane Invader Who
Attacks Baby.**

Mrs. Harriet Machan was sitting in a room of her apartments at 316 East 19th st. last night, her baby in her arms and three small children gathered around her listening to the "good night" fairy story when a window flew up and a man sprang into the room.

Wild and dishevelled, he glared around him for a second, then, rushing across the room, snatched the baby from Mrs. Machan's arms and tossed it high in the air.

Fortunately, the infant fell on a bed and was not injured. Mrs. Machan jumped up, but before she could scream she was knocked down, and her assailant stood over her laughing.

The mother got to her feet and started across the room, calling for help. Her children clinging to her skirts and crying. The maniac knocked her down again.

Patrolman Bucaris heard her cries. He rushed into the apartment, and with the assistance of neighbors subdued the maniac after a hard fight. When the prisoner was taken to the night court it was found that he was Patrick McCabe, 40 East 21st st. Relatives told Magistrate Levy that he had been in an insane asylum, and the magistrate sent him to Bellevue Hospital for observation.

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CATANIA, WITH MOUNT ETNA IN THE BACKGROUND.**CONTEMPT CHARGED
IN BECKER TRIAL****Evening Paper Prints Whit-
man's Address to Jury
Before Delivered.****TO ARRAIGN 3 MEN
AT MONDAY SESSION****"Broke Faith," Says Prosecutor—
Defence May Claim Mistrial—
Jury Still Lacks Two.**

The smooth and expeditious course of the proceedings in the second trial of Charles Becker, charged with the murder of Herman Rosenthal, which led to the filing of the jury box at adjournment on Friday, was seriously checked yesterday by the developments of the day.

The possibility of a mistrial, though that result is not expected, arose in the citation for contempt of court by Justice Seabury of the editor, city editor and a reporter of "The Globe" for the premature publication of District Attorney Whitman's opening address to the jury. The contempt will be argued before Justice Seabury at the close of court to-morrow.

It had been expected that there would be no further change in the jury and that the District Attorney would proceed with the opening of the people's case at the beginning of the session. Copies of the District Attorney's address had been given out to the afternoon papers, subject to release at the proper time.

Becker's Lawyers to Act.

It developed, however, that two jurors were excused at the opening of court and a third later on, and there yet remain two vacancies in the box to be filled to-morrow. The opening address was published in an early edition of "The Globe" and was on the street soon after court opened.

The contempt situation opened the doors for the defence to move for a mistrial, and Becker's lawyers intend to make the most of the opportunity. It can be said that Martin T. Manton, chief counsel for the defence, will make such a motion at the opening of court to-morrow and that it will be vigorously opposed by the District Attorney.

The defence will pursue this action, it is understood, with no real expectation of success or desire to block the trial, but essentially to get upon the record an incident which might support the contention made by Becker's lawyers the first day that sentiment is being created prejudicial to the interests of their client. Furthermore, as a matter of court record, the incident might be useful in the event of an appeal if the verdict should go against Becker for the second time.

When seen at his office after the adjournment of court Mr. Manton said:

"It is against the policy of this office to try the case outside of the courtroom. We will say nothing regarding the developments of the day except that we shall take on Monday such proceedings as we deem advisable. I will add this, however, that regardless of the outcome Monday, Charles Becker and his lawyers are most eager to have the trial proceed. Becker is innocent, and we are confident of his acquittal."

It is thought likely that the defence will also attempt to hold District At-

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REBELS TO ATTACK TAMPICO**Carranza Likely to Send
Mediation Agents.**

Washington, May 9.—Rear Admiral Badger reported to-night that the rebels were about to attack Tampico.

Washington, May 9.—That hope had not been abandoned of interesting General Carranza, the Constitutionalist chief, in the mediation preliminaries at Niagara Falls, to which the United States and General Huerta are to send agents, was made known here late tonight by persons in close touch with Carranza.

It was asserted there were strong intimations that the rebel chief would receive a modified invitation to send a representation to the Niagara Falls conference, despite his declaration to declare a truce with Huerta. If the note had not been sent it would soon be on the way from the mediators, it was said.

**HUERTA MAKING
HIS LAST STAND****Reported to Have Mined National
Palace and Prepared for
Coming of Rebels.**

Vera Cruz, May 9.—The arrest of Walter C. Whiffen, correspondent of The Associated Press, and a Washington newspaper photographer, A. J. Sutton, and their detention, while two Englishmen who were arrested with them were promptly released, has been taken as an added evidence of Huerta's determination to take the most extreme measures before permitting the rebels to acquire possession of the capital. In this connection various reports are current, ranging from threats to force an outside conflict to a well authenticated report that Huerta has mined the National Palace, the post-office, the Department of Communications and other public buildings.

One man who has been residing in Mexico City estimates Huerta's forces there as probably not more than 3,000, with no great supply of artillery and ammunition. The troops about him, however, are described as the flower of the army.

Zapata, after a successful attack on Cuernavaca, is reported to have moved his forces to Ajusco, on the side of the volcano of the same name, only a few miles distant from the capital.

The impression among most military men and practically all the residents of the capital is that the world will not have long to wait for the final chapter in the struggle between Huerta and his enemies.

Many who have resided in the capital are convinced that Huerta intends the destruction of the city before his departure, explaining that the man is so obsessed with the idea that he is the only one capable of directing the government that he has become practically irresponsible. They regard Mexico City as a place which will soon be as dangerous for Mexicans as for foreigners.

ABANDON HOPE FOR MAYO**Kentucky Democratic Leader in
Dying Condition.**

John C. Calhoun Mayo, Democratic national committeeman from Kentucky, was reported in a dying condition at the Waldorf at a late hour last night. Peritonitis developed Saturday, and since then all hope of his recovery has been lost. Mrs. Biggs and Slade are in constant attendance.

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**C. W. POST, ILL, ENDS
LIFE BY GUNSHOT****Death Shows Cereal Manu-
facturer Had Carefully
Planned Suicide.****USES RUSE TO ELUDE
HIS WIFE AND NURSE****Started Life Penniless, and Was
Pioneer in Country's Prepared
Food Industry.**

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 9.—Charles W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., who arose from poverty to wealth and fame in business as a cereal food manufacturer, killed himself here at his summer home this morning. While a nurse was out of his room he lay down on his bed, put the muzzle of a rifle in his mouth and pulled the trigger with his toe.

The circumstances of his death convince the authorities that Mr. Post had been planning suicide for several days. He had been convalescent from a serious illness, and nurses were in constant attendance. This morning he arose, had breakfast and lounged about until 10 o'clock. Then he excused himself, telling the nurse on duty that he was going to his apartment to lie down.

Exactly what happened afterward is a matter of conjecture. A shot was heard. The nurse rushed to the apartment upstairs and found Mr. Post stretched on the floor dead. The rifle lay in a position that indicated that the body had rolled off the bed, carrying the weapon with it.

Fight with Illness. Mr. Post's serious illness began in December. He travelled and consulted various specialists, but matters were brought to a crisis two months ago when an attack of appendicitis threatened his life. He was put aboard a special train, trailed by an extra engine to be used in case of accident, and rushed to Dr. Mayo's hospital at Rochester, Minn.

The arrival at Rochester on March 6 was three and a half hours ahead of time. A crowd at the station hampered the removal of the patient, and he was examined by specialists in his private car before being taken to the hospital. The operation was performed four days later and was pronounced successful.

Mr. Post returned to his winter home, four miles from here, accompanied by a staff of nurses. His mind seemed clear, but, as he himself complained, he was at times unable to control his nerves. Between attacks he went about as he pleased, and in the last few weeks had been buying real estate adjoining his home and planning a new residence.

He discussed some of his financial affairs with Mrs. Post this morning, and at his request she started to town to transact some business for him. As soon as she had gone the patient announced that Ella Benson, his nurse, should not accompany him to his apartment.

Woman Discovers Suicide. He had had little more than time to get into the apartment when the sound of the shot was heard downstairs. Miss Benson ran upstairs and almost stumbled over the body as she entered the sleeping room. Physicians said that Mr. Post's death had been instantaneous. Mrs. Post hurried home, and bore up well under the shock of her husband's suicide.

A search of the room failed to disclose the hiding place of the rifle with

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**R. H. DAVIS A PRISONER
IN MEXICO CITY, SAYS
MESSAGE TO FUNSTON****Tribune Correspondent and Medill McCormick
Reported Arrested; Four Other News-
papermen Taken in Charge.****TWO ENGLISHMEN AMONG NUMBER****State Department Acts on Receipt of News, Demanding
Noted War Writer's Immediate Release—British Am-
bassador Also Takes a Hand in the Affair.**

Vera Cruz, May 9.—Richard Harding Davis, correspondent of The New York Tribune, and Medill McCormick, correspondent of "The Chicago Tribune," are under arrest in Mexico City, according to information reaching Brigadier General Funston to-night.

Walter C. Whiffen, correspondent of The Associated Press; Sutton, a photographer for "The Washington Post"; Oliver M. Hueffer, correspondent of "The London Express," and Alfred J. Rourke, another English correspondent, also were arrested at Mexico City on Thursday evening. They had just arrived from Vera Cruz, and the police were waiting with coaches when the train drew into the station.

All of them were taken to jail under guard, and Whiffen and Sutton were held for investigation. The two Englishmen were released, and the officer who arrested them was reprimanded.

Whiffen carried only a handbag, which happened to contain a copy of "The Mexican Herald." The official who searched the bag remarked, "That kind of English doesn't go here." Whiffen was released some time later. Sutton carried a camera, which was confiscated. He showed a correspondent's credentials, signed by Rear Admiral Badger, but this had no effect.

Hueffer went at once to the Brazilian Minister, who informed the British Minister, Sir Lionel Carden, and also called on the police to release the Americans. The police replied that some action would be taken as soon as the chief of police had investigated the merits of the case.

Rourke returned here, while Hueffer remained at Mexico City. The British Consul here has received no advices, and the Brazilian Consulate is closed.

**STATE DEPARTMENT DEMANDS
DAVIS'S RELEASE AT ONCE****[From The Tribune Bureau.]**
Washington, May 9.—Word reached Washington about 9 o'clock this evening that President Huerta had imprisoned Richard Harding Davis, The New York Tribune correspondent, and other war correspondents in Mexico City.

Within an hour thereafter messages had been telegraphed to Mexico City urging Davis's immediate release.

The Secretary of State immediately telegraphed to the Brazilian Ambassador in Mexico City urging him to make representations to President Huerta demanding the prompt release of Mr. Davis. The Brazilian Ambassador, Senhor da Gama, promptly telegraphed to the minister of his country in Mexico City urging him to impress upon President Huerta the importance of releasing Davis at once.

It is expected that this message,

coming from the highest ranking of the A B C mediators, will prove potent with the provisional President of Mexico.

It was surmised by the Secretary of State that the American correspondents had been arrested as spies, and in his communication he assured the Brazilian Minister that such was not the case and that they were reputable correspondents, deserving of every courtesy.

The British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, also telegraphed to Sir Lionel Carden, British Minister in Mexico City, assuring him that Mr. Davis was a reputable correspondent, and suggesting that any influence which the British Minister could exert be brought to bear to effect the prompt release of The Tribune's correspondent. It is the belief of the administration that, in view of these representations, Davis's incarceration will be extremely brief.

**SHIFTS FIVE LINERS
INTO TROOPSHIPS****War Department Rushes
Work on Vessels Char-
tered Here.**

Although the administration at Washington insisted yesterday that there was no significance in the activity of the War Department, ten transports were chartered, twenty more contracted for to be ready on Tuesday and 140 regulars left Fort Slocum for a Southern port.

Five transports were chartered in New York and on two of them a force of 300 men, under direction of army officers, began transferring them into troop ships. Five other merchant steamships were chartered yesterday in the South.

Twenty additional steamships will be chartered by Tuesday and put in readiness for moving troops.

Exactly the same procedure that marked the beginning of troop movements in the Spanish war was gone through yesterday.

No army officer would hint as to what troops were to be moved or where they would go, but it was learned the chartered steamships have sailing orders for Wednesday.

Two possibilities were admitted by heads of the army here: Either the transports, fully provisioned, will sail for Galveston and embark troops there or part of the large force of regulars in New York State will be sent direct to Mexico.

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**U. S. AVERTS CRISIS
OVER GERMAN SHIP****State Department Advised
Huerta Arms Would
Not Be Landed.**

[From The Tribune Bureau.]
Washington, May 9.—The crisis threatened by the arrival of German merchant ships at Puerto Mexico with arms and ammunition for Huerta apparently has been averted. A cable message received at the State Department from James L. Rodgers, the American Consul General at Havana, said that the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, which had passed through Havana, would not land the arms she carried.

Mr. Rodgers said further that the steamship Bavaria, also of the Hamburg-American Line, would arrive in Havana on May 18. She also carries arms for Huerta, but the agents in Havana are advising that the arms should not be delivered to the consignee. The State Department apparently accepts Mr. Rodgers's statement as final, and is convinced that it has been decided that the arms will not be turned over to Huerta.

The Kronprinzessin Cecilie, however, arrived at Vera Cruz this morning, and Rear Admiral Badger, in reporting her appearance, said nothing as to whether the arms she carried had been unloaded. There is much uncertainty in the matter, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, the acting Secretary of the Navy, sent a cable message to Admiral Badger to-night asking him to report whether the munitions of war had been taken off the Kronprinzessin Cecilie at Puerto Mexico.

Although the State Department has had information for several days of the approach of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie to Puerto Mexico with the shipment of arms, nothing was done to prevent delivery. Mr. Bryan said to-day that he